

Mrs. Stillman Begins Divorce Reply To-day

First Defense Witnesses to Center Attack on Financier's Alleged Relations With Mrs. Florence Leeds

Jay Won't Be in Court

Referee's Ruling Not Vital Blow to Wife's Cause, Her Attorneys Contend

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., July 12.—Mrs. James A. Stillman opens her affirmative defense before Referee Daniel J. Gleason to-morrow in the divorce action brought by her husband. The case of the plaintiff is not rested, but barring the slender chance that Mr. Stillman may be recalled to the stand by his counsel, the defense will bring forward the first of its witnesses at ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

The counter offensive will center on Mrs. Florence Lawlor Leeds, her three-year-old baby, Jay Ward Leeds, and their alleged relations to the millionaire banker. The first witnesses to be called will be former servants employed by Mrs. Leeds and notaries public who will vouch for the attestations of sundry figures submitted by the defense.

To Air Lives of Both Charged The entire course of the relationship charged between the banker and Mrs. Leeds will be traced by a chain of evidence which counsel describes as "conclusive and searching."

Witnesses will tell the early association of the couple and special emphasis will be placed on the period before and after the birth of Jay. Nothing will be brought to light the first day relating to the other correspondents named by Mrs. Stillman in her amended answer. Witnesses have been instructed to be on hand, however, who will testify later to incidents relating the auburn-haired society woman known as "Helen," and the Scandinavian masseuse described as "Clara."

Contrary to report, Jay Ward Leeds will not be brought before the referee at any of the hearings. He is known to be living in New York State with a nurse. His mother is not with him, Guy Stillman, of the golden hair and blue eyes, will, however, undoubtedly make his own unspoken plea for his bright child. He will appear with his mother at the hearings early in September. At present Guy and Alexander are in Canada with a nurse, while Mrs. Stillman and "Buddy," her oldest son, are at Lake Forest, Ill.

Despite the rulings handed down yesterday by the referee, which are generally conceded to be a blow to the defense, counsel for Mrs. Stillman are entering upon their counter offensive with the assumption of victory both in the legitimacy and divorce issues. They are not dismayed over the admission to the records of the "Dearest Honey" and "Sweetest" letters.

Leo Asserts Contractor Failed in Garbage Deal

Tells Mayor Why Old Firm Holds Riker's Island, in Answer to La Guardia

Probe On to Find Jersey Police Leak That Freed Crooks

Stirred by Judge's Charge, Atlantic City Officials Start Inquiry; Hotel Guests Said to Have Been Swindled

ATLANTIC CITY, July 12.—Director of Public Safety W. S. Cuthbert today promised a full investigation of the charges made by Judge John J. White, of the New Jersey Court of Appeals, and president of the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel Company, that leaks in the Police Department enabled confidence men, virtually trapped, to escape.

The director conferred with members of the Police Department, Mayor Bader and other city commissioners. At the conclusion of a conference with Mayor Bader he said, "I am going to the bottom of this thing. I have nothing to say."

Mayor Bader was equally reluctant to discuss the charges brought by Judge White.

"Judge White had a perfect right to make the criticism he did," the Mayor said, "but I have no comment to make on the matter. I am not familiar with the facts he discusses in his letter. The Police Department is under the direction of Safety Director Cuthbert."

County Prosecutor Edmund C. Gaskill Jr. said: "I have no immediate knowledge of the workings of the Police Department, but I have of this office, and I will say emphatically that no tip was given out from here. I am conducting the investigation in my own way and what the result will be will depend entirely on circumstances."

Prosecutor Gaskill made his statement following a conference with Assistant Prosecutor N. R. Voorhees and State Senator C. D. White, brother of Judge White. Senator White is one of the proprietors of the Marlborough-Blenheim Hotel, a New York guest at this hotel, according to report, narrowly escaped being swindled of \$100,000 by a confidence man.

Mrs. Kaber Will Testify To-day In Own Behalf

Counsel Inspired to Put Her on Stand by Failure of Witnesses to Uphold Her Claim of Insanity

Father Calls Her Queer

Evidence All In by To-night; Case Is Expected to Reach Jury To-morrow

CLEVELAND, July 12.—Eva Catherine Kaber will take the witness stand in her own behalf to-morrow morning to combat the state's contention that she planned the murder of her husband, Daniel F. Kaber, according to announcement this evening by Francis W. Poulson, her personal attorney.

Mrs. Kaber's testimony, it was said, will be followed by that of alienists, who will testify as to her mental condition. A plea of insanity is Mrs. Kaber's principal defense.

County Prosecutor Edward W. Stanton said that whether the state will introduce testimony to rebut that offered by alienists depends entirely upon the prominence of the alienists and the testimony they give. Should there be no rebuttal, Mr. Stanton said he expected all evidence to be in by to-morrow evening and the case given to the jury some time Tuesday.

Decision to call Mrs. Kaber as a witness was not made, it is understood, until a number of defense witnesses had failed to respond favorably to questions intended to show that Mrs. Kaber was insane. Three witnesses, however, did say they believed her to be insane. They were her father, John W. Brickel; her sister, Mrs. H. A. McGinnis; and her uncle, Matthew Brickel.

The father, seventy-three years old, said his accused daughter had at many times during her childhood acted in a peculiar manner, reciting a few specific instances.

Sympathy for the aged father was expressed freely by spectators, who knew that not only his daughter was accused of murder, but that his aged wife, Mrs. Mary Brickel, and his granddaughter, Miss Marian McArdle, also are accused of the murder of Mr. Kaber. He said his home is where his hat is off.

Harding Gets Chair To-day

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau WASHINGTON, July 12.—Newspaper editors throughout the country have contributed toward a fund to provide an armchair for President Harding, which will be presented to-morrow.

Sultana Indignant When Prince Denies He Ever Knew Her

Forgetfulness of Ali Khan Amazing, She Declares, as Her Grandfather and His Own Were Blood Brothers

The Sultana Fatima of Afghanistan, who is at the Waldorf with three sons, the elder of whom, Prince Hashim, was educated at Oxford University, betrayed indignation last night when informed that Prince Mohammed Ali Khan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the Kingdom of Afghanistan, who reached here Monday on the French liner La Savoie with a retinue of courtiers, had denied knowledge of her existence.

Prince Mohammed Ali Khan, who arrived earlier in the day whether he had received a call from the Sultana or from Prince Hashim, replied that he not only did not enjoy the acquaintance of the Sultana or the Prince, but had never heard of either. He tempers his indignation by adding that it was not intended to years ago that the Sultana or the Prince, as there were many personages of royal blood among the twelve millions of Afghanistan's population.

When informed of Prince Mohammed Khan's statement regarding her and the young prince, Sultana Fatima said it was extraordinary that the ambassador should be in ignorance of her identity, since her grandfather and the grandfather of Prince Mohammed Ali Khan were brothers.

"Why, my dear fellow," interposed Prince Hashim, the Sultana's elder son, "Prince Mohammed Ali Khan is my cousin. I can't understand how he could have been so forgetful. I shall certainly call him by telephone in Washington to-morrow. His statement places us in an embarrassing position. My mother, the Sultana, is a direct descendant of the old Ameer, Mohammed Zaman Khan, who ruled Afghanistan eighty years ago. Prince Mohammed Ali Khan is an indirect descendant of the same ruler. It is all perfectly plain."

The Sultana explained that she had been compelled to leave Afghanistan sixteen years ago to protect the famous Dayari diamond, which is next in point of size to the Kohinoor of the British crown collection. This famous jewel, she said, was handed over to her by her father on his death. There being a change in the line of descent of the Ameer at that time she feared confiscation of the diamond and some of them remained until morning. She denied that there were any improprieties, but said there were drinking and dancing. She saw Ahrms wake up about 8 or 9 o'clock the next morning and sign a voucher for the bill, she testified. He was downstairs.

The witness said she and Bessie McDonald had testified at a hearing in the Woburn Court later when Brownie Kennedy was on trial, but denied that she had said then that the movie party "grew pretty rough" as it progressed and that the men threw their arms about the girls.

Say N. Y. Film Men Frolicked Until Morning

Witnesses, in Describing Party Near Boston, Tell of Drinking and Dancing by Merry Guests

Zukor's Lawyer Called

Testifies Tufts Said That He Would Not Let Morals Be Corrupted by Visitors

BOSTON, July 12.—An interview that Charles W. Wright, the present District Attorney for Western Massachusetts, who in 1917 acted as counsel for New York motion picture producers, had in May of that year with District Attorney Nathan A. Tufts, of Middlesex County, relative to certain midnight festivities at Mishawam Manor, a road house in Woburn, was described to-day by Mr. Wright before the Supreme Court.

Attorney General J. Weston Allen is seeking Mr. Tufts's removal from office before the court. Included in the charges against the District Attorney is the allegation that he was concerned in a conspiracy by which the motion picture men paid \$100,000 to avoid prosecution and publicity that they feared would follow the road house dinner.

Conversation With Tufts Mr. Wright said he told Mr. Tufts at this interview that he understood there was a secret indictment against his clients, who included Hiram Abrams and Adolph Zukor, of New York. Mr. Tufts spoke in uncompromising terms of these clients, Mr. Wright said, and asserted that "men of their type could not come from New York and corrupt the morals of this community."

Mr. Wright told of a conference at New London, Conn., at which an amount of money to be paid by Zukor, was discussed. Various sums of money were mentioned, Mr. Wright said, adding that he thought \$250,000 was the sum, and that he did not think "any sum less than \$100,000 was mentioned."

Asked by Mr. Hurlbut whether he protested against the payment of so large an amount of money by his clients, Mr. Wright said he had dissented in the case of Zukor and Abrams, adding that he "didn't think" a case would receive much publicity.

"I told Abrams and Zukor," the witness testified, "that it would be much better to face a secret indictment than to pay \$100,000 to prevent such an indictment."

Pleas for Nickel Soda In Bronx Not Heeded

Mothers Indignant at Bruckner; Ice Cream Rate Cut to Ten Cents

Brooklyn Crowd Sees Thief Chase After Bold Hold-Up

One of Two Men Accused of Robbing Chemical Plant Arrested and Most of Stolen Money Recovered

Hundreds of persons in the vicinity of Broadway and Flushing Avenue, Brooklyn, were excited yesterday afternoon by the sound of shots and spectacle of a man with a revolver in his hand being chased by a policeman. The man was caught and, after a brief struggle, arrested.

It was said that the prisoner, who gave his name as Philip Aromandi, of 400 East 139th Street, had, in company with another man, held up three men in the Essential Chemical Company's plant at 69 Cooke Street, and robbed them of nearly \$700 in cash, and their watches and stick pins.

Harry Kurzwel, proprietor of the place, is said to have identified Aromandi as one of the hold-up men. Kurzwel said he and his two salesmen, Otto Hollander and Samuel Goldstein, were in the office when Aromandi and another man entered with revolvers and ordered them to throw up their hands and keep quiet and robbed them.

They had no sooner gone than the three victims ran to the street, shouting, "Stop thief!"

The two bandits drew their weapons again and fired several shots in the air to keep off pursuit. Then they started running up Broadway.

As the two men ran they separated. One escaped. The other, Aromandi, was taken to District Attorney Lewis, and is said to have admitted his part in the hold-up. On his person was found \$423 in cash and a stick pin which Kurzwel said was his.

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